



RESOLUTION

URGING THE STATE TO TAKE ACTION TO MAINTAIN HOSPITAL SERVICES PERFORMED BY HAWAII MEDICAL CENTER.

WHEREAS, Hawaii Medical Center ("HMC") provided vital services in communities in East and West Honolulu; and

WHEREAS, HMC East, located in Liliha, served as a comprehensive healthcare facility including an emergency room and centers of excellence in cardiovascular health, transplants, oncology, and neurology; and

WHEREAS, HMC West, located in Ewa Beach, operated 102 acute care beds and included a 24-hour emergency room operation supporting a critical population center in west Oahu; and

WHEREAS, Hawaii Medical Center has been under Chapter 11 bankruptcy reorganization proceedings since June 2011, was unable to reach a deal to maintain operations, and is now winding down its operations, providing for the discharge and transfer of patients to other health care facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation ("HHSC") is a public benefit corporation of the State of Hawaii with a core mission of providing access to quality healthcare to all communities in the state; and

WHEREAS, Kahuku Medical Center, previously Kahuku Hospital, was saved through actions by the State to incorporate it into the State hospital system under HHSC, including appropriations of approximately \$6 million in state funds; and

WHEREAS, HMC is reported to have a debt of approximately \$30 million and was apparently unable to attain a buyer willing to cover all debts owed; and

WHEREAS, the state may be able to support HMC, or maintain certain services provided by HMC, through general fund monies, bonds, or incorporation into the HHSC system; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that it urges the State Legislature and the Governor to take action to maintain hospital services previously performed by Hawaii Medical Center; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council urges the President and Chief Executive Officer of Hawaii Health Systems Corporation to assist the State Legislature



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and the Governor in implementing action to maintain hospital services previously performed by Hawaii Medical Center; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the President of the State Senate, the Speaker of the State House of Representatives, and the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation.

INTRODUCED BY:

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DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

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Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers